(3) (a) Failure of crops had occurred only in certain years when rain fall was unusually heavy.

(b) A scheme designed to give better drainage facilities to the localities is now engaging the attention of Government.

(4) No answer is necessary in view of answer to sub-division (3) above.

Accommodation for location of Bar Association—Mofussil Courts.

211. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many members are there at the Bar in the Mofussil Courts of Mattancheri, Irinjalakkuda, Vadakkancheri, Chittur and Cranganur;

(b) whether any of these courts have got sufficient accommodation for the location of their respective Bar Association or a common room where members of the Bar during intervals of leisure can sit and meet together;

(c) whether the Government have been at any time approached by the members of any of these courts for the construction of a separate independent building for their exclusive use;

(d) if answer to (c) be in the affirmative, when were the approaches made and by which all Bar Associations and with what result?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a)

Mattancheri	12
Irinjalakkuda	24
Chittur	28
Vadakkancheri	25
Cranganur	32

(b) There is one room each in the Chittur and Cochin Munsiffs' Courts for the use of the members of the Bar. The other courts do not provide such accommodation.

(c) Necessity for providing separate accommodation for the members of the Bar in some of the courts has been pointed out.

(d) Cochin, Chittur and Irinjalakkuda Bar Associations in 1111.

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Cranganur in 1109.

Such buildings are generally constructed at the cost of the Bar Associations and not by the Government.

Water supply—Trichur town—improvement of.

212. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken in 1111 to improve the water supply for the Trichur town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A temporary earthen bund was put up in the Viyyur thodu soon after the north-east monsoon this year and as a result it was possible to store more water in the stream for the summer and this storage appears to have helped the springs of the supply tank in Peringavu. The supply of water to the Trichur town this year was practically continuous for all the 24 hours of the day unlike in the previous year when the supply was only intermittent. The daily supply this year was of the order of 1·2 lakhs gallons.

A scheme for a plentiful supply of water to the town by constructing a dam at Naduthodu was also investigated during the year and the estimates for the same are under preparation.

On the distribution side nearly 2 miles of pipes were laid and about 25 taps will be put up before the year is out. Further extensions are also contemplated.

Improvements of Boys' High School, Ernakulam, in 1109.

213. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the contractor for the work;

(b) were the dismantled materials accounted for;

(c) was there any correspondence between the acting Assistant Engineer and the Cochin-Kanayannur Overseer regarding the dismantled glass shutters of the school;

(d) was this verified with the details; how it ended; did the Chief Engineer report to the Diwan about the character and behaviour of Mr. Kattapuram Verghese; what did the Diwan Mr. Herbert write on the file regarding his conduct and was any punishment proposed to be given; was this file closed; if so, how and when ?

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